



Town of Garrett Park
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Regular Meeting of Town Council
Garrett Park Town Hall
10814 Kenilworth Avenue
Garrett Park, Maryland 20896

Town Council Meeting: 18 June 2018

Minutes

Call to Order: Mayor Kacky called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. Present were Councilmembers Schulp, McClintock, Paczkowski, Wegner and Welch. Also present were approximately 15 Town residents and Ed Lincoln representing the Bugle.

Opening Remarks: Mayor Kacky read her prepared remarks which are attached to these minutes.

Review of May Parking Lot items: Mayor Kacky reviewed the May Parking Lot issues which are attached to these minutes. The June parking lot issues are also attached to these minutes.

Presentations by Residents: John Tschirky raised concerns about the seeming lack of care by WSSC while working near trees on Clermont Avenue. Jean Horan, representing the Swimming Pool Association, requested that the Town help with the parking and traffic problem on Raleigh Avenue. When cars are parked on the west side of the street there is no room for traffic, including emergency vehicles, to get by. Stephanie Hooten asked if there would be coordination with SHA regarding the timing of the sidewalk construction and the school traffic.

Approval of Agenda: Councilmember McClintock moved that the agenda be amended to change the Discussion Item regarding the tulip poplar tree on Clermont Avenue to an Action item. Council member Welch seconded the motion. Councilmembers McClintock, Welch and Wegner voted yes; Councilmember Schulp voted no and Councilmember Paczkowski abstained. The agenda was amended by majority vote. Councilmember Wegner then asked for clarification on how to place items on the agenda, suggesting that this be discussed during a work session. He asked that the work session be scheduled as soon as possible. After discussion, the Town Manager was asked to send an email scheduling a meeting to allow councilmembers to determine their availability for a work session.

Approval of Minutes: Councilmember Wegner asked that the May minutes be amended to incorporate his edits to correctly reflect his remarks about the SRTS Sidewalk project.

With that change, the minutes of the May 14, 2018 meeting were approved as amended without objection.

Action:

- Appointment to the Archives Committee. Mayor Kacky recommended the appointment of Jill Stevens to the Archives Committee. The appointment was approved unanimously.
- August Break for Council Meeting. Mayor Kacky asked for a vote of the Council on the cancellation of the August Council meeting. The Councilmembers agreed unanimously that the meeting should be held as scheduled.
- Change of Date, September Council meeting. The Council agreed unanimously to change the date of the meeting from September 10 to September 17 due to the Rosh Hashanah holiday.
- Resolution to Remove the Tulip Poplar Tree on Clermont Avenue. Councilmember McClintock presented the resolution which is attached to these minutes. The resolution directs the Town Manager to obtain a permit from DNR and have the tree removed immediately once that approval is received. After discussion, Councilmember Schulp moved the addition of a paragraph to the resolution requesting that the Town Manager obtain the services of a certified arborist to assess the condition of all tulip poplars within the Town right of way and in advance of any sidewalk construction, and provide a report of the findings to both the Arboretum Committee and the Town Council. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. With that addition, Councilmember McClintock moved approval of the amended resolution. Councilmember Welch seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. The approved resolution is attached to these minutes.

Discussion:

- Introduction of Town Archivist Ray Maxwell. Town Manager Swearingen introduced Ray to the Council and reported that he has begun work on improving the organization and appearance of the Archives.
- Update on Town Hall renovation project. Councilmember Paczkowski reported that he plans to hold an open house to discuss suggestions on what should be done with the Town Hall building. Those suggestions and a possible survey will be used for a design meeting in the fall.
- Update on Town Manager Search. Councilmember Welch reported that the search is proceeding, that each member of the council has talked individually with the consultant and that a meeting with the consultant and the full Council is being scheduled.
- MML Information on Municipal Election Issues. Councilmember Schulp provided an update on several issues obtained during the recent MML annual meeting in Ocean City.

The information includes changes to the Public Information Act, and municipal records retention requirements as well as information on municipal elections.

Town Manager Report:

- The May financial report is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment: Mayor Kacky adjourned the meeting at 10:56 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Swearingen".

Gene Swearingen, Clerk-Treasurer

